## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 265**

## By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathy S. Larkins of the Hawkins County School System on her selection as the 2009 Mount Carmel Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy educator is Kathy S. Larkins, who was recently selected as the 2009 Mount Carmel Elementary School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Hawkins County School System honored twenty teachers as 2009

Teachers of the Year for their respective schools; these teachers were recently honored at the Hawkins County School System Teacher of the Year banquet; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Larkins was selected by Mount Carmel Elementary School as the Teacher of the Year, a true testament to her dedication to her students and to the impact she has had throughout her estimable teaching career; and

WHEREAS, Director of Schools Charlotte Britton described Kathy Larkins and the other honored teachers as "the best of the best," stating that she admires the long hours each of the teachers devotes to the education of the children of Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Larkins truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kathy S. Larkins of Mount Carmel Elementary School on her selection as the 2009 Mount Carmel Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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